benefited by "operation black board" in various States and Union Territories;

(b) what was the total amount allocated for the same and the amount which has actually been spent;

(c) whether any of the States have not been able to spend the amount allotted to them for the same, if so, the names thereof; and

(d) whether any State have demanded more allocations for the same, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI) : (a) to (d) Under the scheme of "Operation Black-board" Rs. 100 crores have been earmarked for 1987-88. So far State Level Empowered Committees for 16 States|UTs. have recommended and sanctioned Central assistance amounting to Rs. 6540.85 lakhs; Rs. 1510.33 lakhs for the appointment of 20260 second teachers and Rs. 5030.52 lakhs for provision 0f teachingj-lSearning equipment in 710.74 schools. Fund to the extent of Rs. 2641.46 lakhs have been released to six States. The States are in the process of implementing the sdheme and spending the money. Quarterly progress reports have been prescribed to monitor implementation and utilisation of funds.

पवन हंस के पास हैलिकाप्टर

211. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या **नागर विमानन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सरकारी प्रतिष्ठान पवन हंस निगम के पास कुल कितने हेलिकाप्टर हैं; और

(ख) इनमें से कितने हेलिकाप्टर काम में लाए जा रहे हैं और कितने बेकार पड़े हैं और उनके बेकार पड़े रहने के क्या कारण हैं?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री तथा नागर विमानन मंत्री (श्री मोती लाल बोरा) : (क) और (ख) पवन हंस के बेड़े के लिये अनुमोदित 42 हेलिकाप्टरों में से 40 हेलिकाप्टर प्राप्त हो गए हैं। इन 40 हेलिकाप्टरों में से 32 हेलिकाप्टर वाणिज्यिक प्रयोजन के लिये लगाए जाने का प्रस्ताव है और शेष 8 हेलिकाप्टर सामान्य अनिवार्य जांच, रख-रखाव और उड़न-योग्यता आदि के प्रमाणन के लिये उपयोग में लाये जाएंगे। वाणिज्यिक प्रयोजन के लिये लगाये गए 32 हेलिकाप्टरों में से, इस समय लगाये गए हेलिकाप्टरों की संख्या 25 है और 2 हेलिकाप्टर चार्टर्ड मिशनों और पायलटों के प्रशिक्षण के लिए उपयोग में लाए जा रहे हैं। शेष 5 हेलिकाप्टरों में से 2 हेलिकाप्टर बहुत जल्दी कोल० इं० लिमिटेड के साथ लगाये जाने का प्रस्ताव है और इसके लिए अपेक्षित करार पर पहले ही हस्ताक्षर कर दिये गए हैं। 3 हेलिकाप्टरों को अभी वाणिज्यिक सेवा में लगाया जाना है।

Film Censorship

212. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fresh guidelines for film censorship have been recently evolved;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether a common set of censorship guidelines has been made applicable throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI); (a) No, Sir.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Yes, Sir. Central Board of Film Certification while certifying films for public exhibition are guided by the principles enumerated in Section 5-B of the Cinematograph Act. 1952 and the guidelines issued by the Government in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section 2 of Section 5-B of the said Act. A copy of these guidelines is enclosed *[vide* Unstarred Question 167 supra]

Usefulness of Aspirin in containing heart attacks

213. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item that appeared in the Hindustan Times' dated the 28th January, 1988 under the caption 'Aspirin cuts risk of heart attacks' wherein it has been stated according to a research conducted in the U.S. that risk of heart attacks is cut to half if one aspirin 13 taken every day; and

(to) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE (MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The suggested dosage is about half a tablet of Aspirin per day or atleast a tablet on alternative days. Aspirin is contra indicated in any beleeding disorder.

Curriculum in Primary School

214. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT b_e pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reduce the number of subjects taught in primary schools in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b)The N.C'.E.R.T. has specified the subjects that should be taught at primary level in the 'National Curriculum or Primary and Secondary Education-A Framework'. There is no proposal to reduce the number of these subjects.

Methi Seeds Helpful in reducing the Diabetes

215. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to investigations conducted by National Institute of Nutrition Hyderabad Methi (Fenugreek) seeds have been found beneficial for checking diabetes; and

(to) if so the details thereof and the steps taken to promote its use?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE); (a) Yes, Sir.

. (b) The studies conducted by National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad, indicate that Methi (Fenugreek) seeds are beneficial in the management of diabetes. The studies indicate that ingestion of fenugreek seeds tend to lower blood glucose serum cholestrol and triglyceride levels in diabetes individuals. Clinical system like polyurea, excess hunger and thirst also are reduced.

To begin with, 25 grams Fenugreek seeds may be taken in 2 equal doses of 12.5 grams each alongwith lunch and dinner. They can be added to Chapati, Rice, Dal; Vegetable or Chutteny and make salty or sour according to taste. The seeds can also be taken as such or in powder form in drinking water or in butter milk 15 minutes before the meal.

A popular article on diabetes mellitus and Fenugreek seed was pub-